



E. Johnston diversion on lower Racetrack Creek, October, 2011, at West River Road crossing. Tarps and concrete debris are blocking upstream fish movement in this low-flow scenario. In 2011, a good flow year, Racetrack Creek at this location flowed at less than 3 cfs from August until late October. This is the proposed site of a collapsible pin-and-plank diversion with a Denil fish ladder.

This is the upstream end of one of the premier brown trout tributary spawning reaches in the Upper Clark Fork. Cutthroat trout (<90% pure) are relatively common in the middle and upper part of this drainage. Racetrack Creek historically was a bull trout stream, with specimens confirmed in the 1980s. The Montana Bull Trout Working Group (1995) listed Racetrack Creek as harboring a bull trout population. Recent sampling has not turned up bull trout, and recent angler reports of bull trout in Racetrack Creek have not been confirmed by MFWP biologists.